The recommendations of the Committee, *inter-alia*, include setting up of a Natonal Tourism Board and a separate cadre for tourism service.

The recommendations made by the National Committee on Tourism are being examined by the Government.

Non-Completion of seven special projects by the ICHR

1799. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of expenditure incurred so for by the Indian Council of Historical Research on the seven special projects assigned by Government during 1972—75 and what is the number of those projects which are still incomplete; and

(b) whether it is a fact that none of the said projects has been completed, even after incurring in a huge expenditure; if so, what action has been taken by Government against the persons responsible therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) An expenditure of about Rs. 135.72 lakhs has been incurred by the Indian Council of Historical Research upto 31st March, 1988 on the 7 special projects which are at different stages of completion. Steps for the early completion of the projects have been initiated by the Council.

Scheme for Encouragement of Vedic Mathematics

1800. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rashtriya Ved Vidya Pratishthan has prepared a scheme to encourage the exploring of various aspects of Vedic Mathematics; if so, what are the details thereof and the progress made so far on this count and if no progress has been made, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether a workshop on Vedic Mathematics was organised in Jaipur in March last; if so, what are its recommendations and Government's response to each recommendation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) The Rashtriya Ved Vidya Pratishthan organised a Workshop on Vedic Mathematics in Jaipur in March, 1988. A Statement of the recommendations of the Workshop is appended herewith. (*See* below)

In pursuance of the recommendations, the Pratishthan has constituted an Expert Committee. The Committee held its first meeting on the 2nd August, 1988 and chalked out a programme for holding the second Workshop on Vedic Mathematics: The main theme of the Second Workshop will be identification from among the concerned 'sutras' those which are applicable in the fields of Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry and Calculus.

The Committee has also chalked out an outline of the main themes which should be discussed in the subsequent workshops. This will include the consideration of the question of application of Vedic Mathematics to computers and introduction of Vedic Mathematics at various levels of studies.

Statement

Recommendations of the Workshop on Vedic Mathematics organised in March, 1988 by the Ved Vidya Pratishthan.

1. A multidisciplinary committee consisting of experts from the fields of Mathematics-Vedic, traditional and

modern, exports in Computer Science, representatives of the Government and other experts may be formed. The Committee shall produce the basis of the second workshop which is felt to be necessary before any action is taken to implement Vedic Mathematics (VM) at different levels.

The committee shall examine the following issues, either as a whole or through sub-committees to arrive at final recommendations.

(i) Suitability of VM for introduction at school level and all its ramification e.g. inclusion in text books, training of teachers, logically consistent explanations of VM techniques, teaching aids etc.

(ii) To study ways and means of encouragement, by which research in VM can be carried out to understand its potential and limitations at University level.

(iii) To suggest Multimedia Strategy to increase overall awareness of VM and to explore the role of voluntary organisations for this.

(iv) To examine the possibility of providing centralised/regional facilities for training and information dissemination and promoting research in the field of VM.

(v) To write to the Department of Electronics (Government of India) to support development of VM educational software in Indian Languages, and to provide financial support to the projects on VM|applications in development of computer technology, such as knowledge based algorithms, VM based computer architecture, etc.

(vi) Any other relevant issues raised during the deliberations.

2. The Ministry of Human Resource Development should provide all necessary support to enable effective functioning of the committee.

3. The Ministry should prepare a time bound programme for preparation of the report of the above committee and organisation of goal-oriented workshops.

D.T.C. Losses

1801. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:—

(a) what has been the average yearly loss to the Delhi Transport Corporation in 1983-84 and 1986-87; and

(b) whether there has been a steep rise in the losses of the D.T.C. since 1979-80; if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The working loss for the year 1983-84 was Rs. 45.95 crores and for 1986-87 was Rs. 38.63 crores.

(b) No, Sir. The losses have been reduced after the fare revision in February, 1986.

राजस्थान में तपेदिक के कारण हुई मौतें

1802. **श्री सन्तोष बागड़ोदिया :** क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान राजस्थान में तपेदिक के कारण कितने व्यक्तियों की, वर्ष-वार मृत्यु हुई; और

(ख) सरकार ने तपेदिक को नियंत्रित करने हेतु क्या-क्या कदम उठाये हैं ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य [मंत्री (कुमारी सरोज खापर्डे) : (क) क्षय रोग एक सूचनीय रोग नहीं है। इसलिए राजस्थान में पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान क्षयरोग से मरने वाले व्यक्तियों की ठीक-ठीक संख्या का पता